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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Group Unit: 1655

Serial No.: **09/971,867**

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Title: **"Solid-Phase Chemical Analysis Using Array Hybridization Facilitated By Agitation During Centrifuging"**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference to Related Application(s)--;

And add the paragraph:

--This is a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/590,934 filed on June 8, 2000 which is a Continuation-In-Part of co-pending application serial number 09/514, 975 filed on Feb. 29, 2000. This application is a continuation of 09/971,867 filed on October 4, 2001, which is a continuation of 09/514,975 filed on February 29, 2000. All of the aforementioned applications are hereby Incorporated by reference in their entireties.--

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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